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HIGHLY concentrated, strength-giving
Tonic-food. Each tablet contains
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of good fresh beef, with one grain of Iron, in a
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Lancet says, "Children, as well as adults, take
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

CAPE D'AGUILAR LIGHTHOUSE.

WANTED A THIRD LIGHTHOUSE
KEEPER. Salary, Five Dollars a
month. Candidates should send in their names
to the COLONIAL SECRETARY before the 2nd
instant, giving particulars of age and previous
services, together with testimonials. A know-
ledge of Chinese would be desirable.

Particulars can be obtained upon
application to the HARBOUR MASTER.

By Command,

W. M. DEANE,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th November, 1890. 2512

THE INSTITUTION OF MARINE
ENGINEERS OF HONGKONG.

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VICE-PRESIDENT,
JAMES WOOTON, Esq., R.N. Inspector
of Machinery; GEORGE PEEBLES, Esq.,
Government Marine Surveyor; ROBERT
COOKE, Esq., Hongkong and Whampoa Dock
Company.

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E. J. MARY, Esq., D. MACDONALD, Esq.,
J. W. KEEW, Esq., Treasurer pro tem.
W. H. WALKER, Esq., Secretary pro tem.

NOTICE.—A MEETING of the SUB-
SCRIBERS to the above Institution is
convened to be held at the MARINE
ENGINEERS' ROOM, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
on MONDAY, the 1st DECEMBER, at 8 o'clock, to consider the Report
of the Committee entrusted with the formation
of the Institution, confirm the adoption of
Rules, and proceed with the election of regular
Officers for the ensuing year.

The Organizing Committee Meeting will be
strictly confined to the consideration of the
Subscribers, the Committee wish it to be known
that all Engineers are particularly invited to
attend also.

By Order of the Organizing Committee,

W. H. WALKER,

Secretary pro tem.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1890. 2511

THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALL.

M. CHAS HARDING has much pleasure
in announcing to Residents and others
of Hongkong that

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS are requested to send their
SUBSCRIPTIONS for the Current
Racing Year to the Undersigned on or before
the 30th instant. Special attention is directed
to No. 24 of the Club's Rules.

By Order of the Stewards,

E. W. BUTTER,

Secretary, Treasurer.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1890. 2509

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL
THE Steamship

"GLAMORGANSHIRE".

Captain Davis, will be despatched as above
on or about the 13th December.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.,
Agents, 10, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1890. 2515

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL
THE Steamship

"RADNOVSHIRE".

Notice to Consignees

FROM ANTWERP, PENANG, AND
SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo are hereby
informed that all Goods will be
forwarded to the above Ports, and
delivered to the Agents of the
Steamship, at their risk, into the Godowns of the
Rowell and Golown Company at Rawlins,
whence and/or from the wharves delivery may
be obtained.

No claim will be admitted after the Goods
have been forwarded, and all Goods remaining
after the 1st December will be sold as
salvage.

All claims against the Steamers must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before the 1st
December, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1890. 2437

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TO-NIGHT.

THURSDAY, 27th November,
is set apart for his

FAREWELL BENEFIT.

Ward will produce

GRAND DOUBLE BILL,

"MAGICAL AND MARVELLUS,"

Kindly assisted by Mr. C. H. Grace and
LEADING AMATEURS.

Under the patronage of Major-General
DIGHT HARRIS, C.B., and Staff.

Box Plan at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH.

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Manager.

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GARRISON THEATRE,
NORTH BARRACKS.

MISCELLANEOUS ENTERTAINMENT
will be given by the
"MILITARY MUMMERS,"

Kindly assisted by the undermentioned
Singers, Dancers, &c.

on MONDAY, 1st December, 1890.

PROGRAMME.

Overture... By the Band.

Song... "Trusty as Steel" Pianof.

Song... Mr. G. M. LAING.

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(Accompanied—Mr. C. E. A. SANGER).

Song... "The Romany Lass" Adams.

Song... "The Village Blacksmith" Weiss.

Mr. D. MACDONALD.

Song... Mr. M. A. BENNETT.

Song... Mr. G. W. MASTARD.

Song... Father O'Flynn" Stanford.

Song... Mr. H. BYRNE.

(Accompanied—Mr. G. P. LAMBERT).

To conclude with HARMONIUM'S
FARCE.

"PEACOCK'S HOLIDAY,"

by the "Military Mummers."

Doors open at 8.30, commence at 9 p.m.

Reserved Seats \$1 to be obtained from—Sergt.

General Manager.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1890. 2510

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HAVRE, LONDON, HAMBURG,
AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"MOMMOUTHSHIRE,"

Captain Cumming, will be despatched as above

or on the 3rd December.

For Freight or Passages, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1890. 2514

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL TRAN-
SHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,
EUROPE, CHINA, AND SOUTH
AMERICA, AND EUROPEAN
OVERLAND RAILWAYS AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE Steamship "OCEANIC" will be des-
patched for SAN FRANCISCO, via
YOKOHAMA, THE BRITISH, THE 15th Dec-
ember. One P.W. Consignment being made
at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and
Japan Ports.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked
to address in full, and same will be received at
the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day pre-
vious to departure.

First-class Fares granted as follows:

To San Francisco... \$265.00

To San Francisco and return... \$393.75

To Liverpool... \$22.00

To London... \$32.00

To other European points at proportionate
rates, and to American and South American
ports, as per the Schedule of Fares, and
the Imperial Chinese Customs, as the
Imperial Chinese Customs, as obtained on
application.

Passenger by this line have the option of
travelling by the Southern Pacific and
connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern
Pacific, or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Passenger who has paid his fare, and
is about to embark at San Francisco for China or Japan
(or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a
discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does
not apply to through fares from China and Japan
to Europe.

Consignee Invoices to accompany cargo des-
patched beyond San Francisco in the
United States, addressed to the Collector of Customs,
No. 10, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HABMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1890. 2436

PRIVATE BOARD & RESIDENCE.

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TO BE LET.

TO LET
N. 3. MORRISON HILL. Entry, Int.
June, Apply to G. C. ANDERSON,
13, Praya Central.
Hongkong, 26th April, 1890. [1078]

TO LET.

With Immediate Possession.

N. 6. and N. 9. LOWER MOSQUE TERRACE.
Both Houses lately Cleared, Repaired,
and Painted. Rents moderate.

For particulars apply to

H. J. SAMPSON,
No. 7, Connaught House,
Hongkong, 24th November, 1890. [2101]

TO LET.

H. J. SAMPSON,
No. 8, OCEAN HOUSE, MACAO. Two
Minutes walk from the NEW HOTEL.
Apply to J. A. de CARVALHO,
Hongkong, 17th November, 1890. [2441]

TO LET.

Intermediate Possession.
HOUSE No. 5, UPPER MOSQUE TERRACE.
Cheap rental.

Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Hongkong, 14th November, 1890. [3003]

TO LET.

Possession 1st January, 1891.
DESIRABLE Five ROOMED RESIDENCE,
STOWFORD, Belgrave Road.

Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Hongkong, 3rd November, 1890. [2347]

TO LET.

With Possession from 1st February Next.
THERE LARGE ROOMS, suitable for
Offices, now in the occupation of the
CHINA EXPORT, IMPORT, and BANK COM-
PANIES.

Apply to CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Hongkong, 1st November, 1890. [2340]

TO LET.

Intermediate Possession.
OFFICES No. 17, PEAK CENTRAL (above
the premises.)

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.,
Hongkong, 24th October, 1890. [2105]

TO BE LET.

TWO HOUSES at WILD DELI BUILD-
INGS, Wan Chai Road.

A BUNGALOW and HOUSE on the
UPPER HIGHLAND ROAD.
No. 1 HIGHERN TERRACE Six Dwell-
ing Rooms, English Kitchen, Fowl House,
Convenience, and well shaded Tennis Lawn.

Apply to HENRY HUMPHREYS,
Secretary.

HUNDREDS ESTATE AND
FINANCE COMPANY, LTD.,
Hongkong, 2nd September, 1890. [1805]

TO LET.

TWO Comfortable and well Furnished BED-
ROOMS; with or without board.

Apply to Nos. 23 and 25, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, 15th October, 1890. [2202]

KOWLOON.

TO LET UNFURNISHED.
"KIMBERLEY."

BEAUTIFULLY Situated, containing
Dining-room, Drawing-room, two Bed-
rooms, and usual Quarters.

For further particulars apply to
W. S. MARTEN,
2, Duddell Street,
Hongkong, 26th June, 1890. [1499]

TO LET.

THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 3. Wynd-
ham Street, at present in the occupation of
China Mail. Possession from the 1st
November Next.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
Hongkong, 2nd October, 1890. [2151]

TO LET.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG
CAPITAL (SUBSCRIBED), \$1,000,000.

NOTICE.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
LIM SIN SANO, Esq.
HAN HUP, Esq.
YOW CHONG FENG, Esq.
KANG LI CHOW, Esq.
O. HOI CHUNG, Esq.

THE COMPANY GRANTS POLICIES on
MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World,
payable at any of its Agencies.

Contributory Dividends are payable to all
Contributors of Business, whether they are
Shareholders or not.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2 Queen's Road West,
Hongkong, 14th March, 1891. [2037]

NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIELD INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.
CAPITAL TWO MILLION DOLLARS.
PAID-UP CAPITAL \$400,000
RESERVE FUND 700,000
CLAIMS PAID 1,000,000
BONDED PAYABLE 400,000
RISKS accepted at CURRENT RATES of
PREMIUM.

JAS. B. COUGHTRE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1890. [1822]

NOTICE.

THE QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

The Undersigned, Agents of the above
Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS
against FIRE at Current rates.

Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Hongkong, 1st August, 1890. [1722]

TO BE LET.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

As Agents of the above Company, we are
prepared to accept RISKS against FIRE at
Current rates.

Apply to RUSSELL & CO.,
1, STOLVERPOINT & HIRST,
Hongkong, 8th October, 1890. [147]

TO LET.

TWO HOUSES at the VICTORIA PEAK,
near the Flagstaff. Immediate Possession.

Apply to E. JONES HUGHES,
11th June, 1890. [1381]

TO LET UNFURNISHED.

NOS. 4 & 5. VICTORIA VIEW, contain-
ing Drawing-room, Dining-room, 3 Bed-
rooms, & a Capital Tennis Ground. The
rooms face the Harbour, and have a splendid
view of Hongkong.

For further particulars apply to
W. S. MARTEN,
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Hongkong, 26th June, 1890. [1489]

TO LET.

With Immediate Possession.

GLODOWN, No. 476, in MATHESON STREET,
WANCHAI.

Apply to EDUARD SCHELLHASS & Co.,
Hongkong, 22nd October, 1890. [2284]

TO LET.

CRAIGBELLACHIE, 3, BONHAM ROAD.

Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Hongkong, 21st August, 1890. [1874]

TO LET.

With Immediate Possession.

BLU BUILDINGS.

FIRST FLOOR of No. 1.
GROUND FLOOR of No. 2.
FIRST FLOOR of No. 3.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office,
Hongkong, 22nd August, 1890. [2222]

TO LET & FOR SALE

THE PEAK BUILDING Co., LIMITED.

TO LET.

THREE FIVE-ROOMED HOUSES Nos.
7, 8, & 9, SEVEN TERRACE, near Peak
Church. Gas laid on.

Apply to the SECRETARY.

at Office, 47, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 11th June, 1890. [1368]

TO LET.

From the 1st Proximo. Rent \$35 per month.

A WELL-UNFINISHED HOUSE at the
PEAK, containing Four Rooms, Bath-
Rooms, Drying-Room, &c.

Apply to EDW. J. ACKROYD,
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Hongkong, 26th November,

MAIL SUPPLEMENT TO THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27th, 1890.

THE NEW BANKRUPTCY BILL.

LI HUNG-CHANG.

The long-expected new Bankruptcy Bill was introduced at the last meeting of the Legislative Council. In place of the two hundred and two sections of the old Ordinance we have in the new Bill only eighty-five, and the general arrangement is much simpler. The Bill is drafted in the lines of the English Act of 1885, and it is to be hoped it may be found to effect proportionately, as great an improvement in the administration of insolvent estates in this Colony as has been effected in England. From the recently issued report of the Inspector-General in Bankruptcy we learn that in 1889 the estimated loss to creditors shown a decrease of no less than 1,000,000 £ as compared with the last year of the 1880-81 period. In moving the second reading of the Bill it will be the duty of the Colonial Attorney-General to explain in detail the alterations in the measure, if passed, will effect. It is unfortunate, we think, that it is not usual to give this explanation on the first reading, as such a course would greatly facilitate the intelligent examination of Bills not only by the unofficial members of Council, but by the public at large.

One of the most important features of the Bill is its treatment of fraudulent bankrupts. In the existing Ordinance this subject is dealt with in Section CXLII, which provides that if it shall appear to the Court that the bankrupt has carried on trade by means of fictitious capital, or that he could not at the time when any of his debts were contracted have had any reasonable or probable ground of expectation of being able to pay the same, that he has omitted to keep proper books of account with intent to conceal the true state of his affairs, or that his bankruptcy is due to rash, hazardous speculation or unjustify extravagance in living, etc., the Court may either refuse or suspend his discharge, or may sentence the bankrupt to be imprisoned "for any period not exceeding one year." The Court has on several occasions made use of the power conferred by the latter clause, and with very wholesome effect. In the new Bill the arrangement is different, but the ends are made no easier for the debtor. Quite a number of misdemeanours are created by the Bill, amongst which is the obtaining of credit under false pretences; but the most important is stated as follows: "If after a reciting order has been made against him, and whether he has been adjudicated bankrupt or not, the same is made for the unsecured creditors and for the costs of the bankruptcy and administration, it doth not together amount to 50 per cent on the unsecured debts proved, unless the just and sufficient cause for the extent in insolvency from his misfortune unaccompanied by dishonesty orreckless speculation or extravagance in his conduct." A person convicted of this offence is liable to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any time not exceeding one year. The offender, it will be observed, is to have the benefit of trial by jury instead of being liable to be punished at the sole discretion of the Judge sitting in Bankruptcy jurisdiction, which is only fair, but we think the probability is that juries will be inclined to take a less lenient view of such offences than it has been the custom of the Judge to do.

Prosecutions for offences under the Ordinance are set in motion almost automatically. Section LXXXVII, providing that if in the course of any proceedings taken under any bankruptcy petition or upon the representation of the trustee or of any creditor it appears to the Court that there is reason to suppose that any person or against whom the petition has been presented, has been guilty of any offence under the Ordinance, the Court may order the prosecution of such person accordingly, and may order him into custody if he be present, or if not, present may grant a warrant for his arrest and detention until he can be brought before a Stipendiary Magistrate. So far, it will be dealt with according to law. From the going on will be observed that the rules attending bankruptcy under the new Ordinance will be considerably greater than under the existing law, and that a bankrupt's estate does not realize 50 cents in the dollar, which have to be prepared with satisfactory explanations of this deficiency if he hope to be released and to escape punishment. In England, the Act came into operation, the total number of compositions has been greatly reduced, and the character of those which remain is steadily improving. In the County Court, for example, not a single composition was approved last year under 25 £, in the point of view of the number of this class in the High Court, was only three. Prosecutions under the Act also continue to decline, the total number ordered in 1889 being 50, as against 56 in 1888, and 55 in 1885.

A much-voiced question in England has been the advantages of official realisation as compared with those of realisation by non-official trustees. This is not likely to give rise to much discussion in Hongkong, where creditors have almost uniformly declined to assist in the realisation of bankrupt estates, preferring to leave the work to the Official Assignee. In this respect the Bill introduced on Monday last accords with the practice hitherto favoured. Section IX, provides for the appointment of an Official Receiver, who is to act under the general authority and directions of the Government, and to be an officer of the Court. The Official Receiver will perform the duties hitherto discharged by the Official Assignee, and as soon as an act of bankruptcy is brought to the notice of the Court will take possession of the estate of the debtor under a "receiving order." It is probable that in some cases the trustee entering possession may prevent the "concealment or removal of valuable property." In other respects also the Official Receiver's powers are made larger than those at present exercised by the Official Assignee. If, the creditors, however, think the case would be more advantageously administered by a non-official trustee, they have the same election as at present; but this right will probably be sparingly exercised in the future as in the past. Amongst the additional powers given to the Official Receiver may be mentioned that of having all post letters and telegrams for the debtor re-directed to himself. This and other provisions will render the making away of the estate by the bankrupt less easy than it has been hitherto. In every respect the Bill must be pronounced a great improvement on the existing law. To the honest debtor, whose bankruptcy is well-caused by misfortune, it offers as much protection as the old Ordinance, but it vastly reduces the facilities for fraud and evasion. It may be well to point out that there is an error in the repealing clause, the old Ordinance being referred to as the "Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1860," whereas it should be 1862. Ordinance 9 of 1862 ought also to be included in the Ordinance repealed.

TIFF REVISIION.

In calling attention to the necessity of a revision of the Chinese Tariff, Mr. H. S. Hallett is doing good service to the cause of British trade. The Treaty of Tianjin, to which the tariff is attached, was ratified in October, 1860, and Article XXVII provides for a revision of the Tariff and of the Commercial Articles of the Treaty at the end of every successive two years on a demand being made for such revision by either side within six months from the end of such term. For thirty years the Tariff has remained unaltered, neither party caring to open up the question, or possibly because the necessity had not appeared. Now, however, Mr. Hallett points out in his letter to the *Times*, such a necessity is very apparent. His Tariff, in fact, very much smaller than among the well-caused for troops of the garrison. The limit 1 per cent ad valorem, it will reduce two instances to show the need of revising the tariff, one in cotton goods, the other in

iron. Our 7½ cotton shiftings on entering a Chinese treaty port are worth about £20 a ton, whilst the average number of prisoners in Gaol it was only 6,851. It must be confessed that in the 24th inst. there were present:

1. EXCELSIOR THE ACTING GOVERNOR,
Hon. F. E. W. WOODHOUSE, C.M.G.

2. H. W. M. DRAKE, C.M.G., Acting Colonial Secretary.

3. E. J. ACKROYD, Acting Attorney-General.

4. H. E. WODEHOUSE, C.M.G., Acting Colonial Treasurer.

5. J. R. BROWN, Surveyor-General.

6. H. K. KAT, Acting Colonial Auditor.

7. F. A. HAZELHEAD, Acting Clerk of Council.

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